

# Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Bob Desjarlais at River Park in Menominee County, MI on August 3, 2015.

Reporting for roll call were: Bob Desjarlais, Ruby Ivens, Dick Peterson, County Commissioners Bill Cech and County Administrator Brian Bousley. There was a quorum present to conduct the meeting.

**Approval of agenda:** A motion was made by Ruby to approve the agenda that was seconded by Bill. The motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Ruby to approve the minutes from the last meeting that was seconded by Dick. The motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

Business:

- a. **Park Ranger / Park Manager Update:** Brian announced the parks have been doing well this season. The seasonal park office support staff provided her notice as she had an opportunity for other employment and another seasonal support staff had to be interviewed and hired. The annual campground licensing inspection was completed for Shakey Lakes and Kleinke Parks. The inspection report included a few minor issues to be address. Each of the campgrounds site maps have to be updated as some sites have change since the maps were drawn up. Brian and Committee would like to revamp the lease agreements to hold the county harmless on any damages that may occur to personal property of the lease holders. Currently in the lease agreement it does state that the lease holder must carry insurance, but the committee would like to take it a step further to be safe.
- b. **Concessionaire at Shakey Lakes:** Concessionaire was concerned with the venders for the Fair taking business away. "Concessionaire/Lessee for the exclusive right to sell food, refreshments, firewood, ice and other camping necessities to the general public at Shakey Lakes Park area in Lake Township in said County, with the exception of Fair Days and two (2) additional weekends, of the County Administrator's choice; (2) operate a pleasure boat livery service to such public...." Other section "Fair Days. It is also agreed between the Board/Lesser and the Concessionaires/Lessee that the 'Fair Days' are excluded form this agreement in that others also may be given the right to dispense food and refreshments during said Fair Days." Sections from the Concessionaire contract agreement.

- c. **Monthly Budget Review:** Brian distributed copies of the latest budget for the committee's perusal and review. Revenues are still on the rise and should reach projected numbers if a good Labor Day is had in each of the parks. The expenditures have been down due to the great work of the Park Rangers, their seasonal crews and the Park Office Manager.
- d. **Parks Projects/ Grants:** Bob and Dick are interested in creating a couple of Mega Sites for large RVs. The proposals are out for the well drilling and electrical project at River Park, once the bids are returned they will be forwarded to the County Board for approval. The Stoney Point proposal is being looked at by the DNR and we are waiting on approving the requests. Brian and Jim Mekash will be talking to outfit that is paving M35 to get a quote on paving Stoney Point. We will invite Dean Francis to the next meeting to go over the county forestry plan. 2% grants are due at the end of September, Brian will be writing grants to help with the electrical upgrade project at Shakey Lakes, materials to build fixed fire rings at River Park and upgrades to the road at Bailey Park.
- e. **County Recreation Plan:** Brian stated he will be doing all the revisions and have the entire document to the Parks Committee for review by November meeting.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Public Comment:** None

**Any Other Items Members Wish to Present:**

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Ruby to adjourn at 6:05 that was seconded by Dick.